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SUBJECT: TANZANIA: FOLLOW-UP INFORMATION ON MAJOR ISSUES AT

UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION CONGRESS

REF: A. DAR ES SALAAM 0421 1B. STATE 66814

- 11. This is an action request. See paragraph 4.
- 12. Post received the following Diplomatic Note CMB 291/466/01 from the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania (GOT) on July 21 in response to Ref B demarche requesting GOT support for the United States candidates for seats on the Universal Postal Union (UPU) Council of Administration (CA) and Postal Operations Council.
- 13. Begin text of diplomatic note:

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the United Republic of Tanzania presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America in Dar es Salaam and has the honor to refer to the latter's note with reference No. 422/08, dated 8 July, 2008, concerning the candidacies of the Government United States of America for Membership of the Council of Administration (CA) and the Postal Operation Council (POC) of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) that will be held from 23 July to 12 August, 2008, in Geneva.

The Ministry wishes to inform the esteemed Embassy that during the same elections, the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania would be seeking Membership of the Council of Administration (CA) of the Universal Postal Union.

In view of the cordial relationship that exist between the Peoples and Governments of Tanzania and the United States of America, the Ministry wishes to propose a reciprocal support arrangement for the candidatures of the two countries to UPU. Should the proposal of reciprocal support be acceptable to the authorities of the United States of America, a written confirmation of the agreement would be highly appreciated to that effect.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the United Republic of Tanzania avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America in Dar es Salaam the assurances of its highest consideration."

End text.

14. ACTION REQUEST: Post requests the Department's guidance on what is the USG response to the above request for reciprocal support for the GOT's candidate for Council of Administration.

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